

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 14-18, 20, and 21 are allowed. Claim 19, which depends from allowed base claim 14, was last amended in Applicants' Amendment dated July 14, 2006. In Applicants' Amendment dated October 6, 2006, claim 19 was presented without amendment but lacked the numeral 19 before its text, due to a typographical error. Applicants' have corrected the typographical error in the above-listed claims. Since no objections were cited against claim 19 in any Office communication for a reason other than the missing numeral 19 and since the base claim of claim 19 has been allowed, allowance of claim 19 is warranted.

Claim 23 has been canceled.

Independent claims 24 and 15 have been amended to recite the subject matter previously recited in claim 22. Claim 22 was identified in the Final Rejection dated April 19, 2006, as allowable and its subject matter was subsequently integrated into independent claim 14, which the Office Action indicates is allowed. Applicants submit that the integration of the subject

matter of claim 22 into independent claims 24 and 25 similarly places them in condition for allowance.


In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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